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## ABSTRACT

## CENTRALLY MANAGED MALWARE SCANNING

A malware detecting system is described in which a client computer 8 sends a file access clearance request to an assessment computer 24 to determine whether or not access is permitted to that file. In this way, the different client computers on a network 2 may share their scan results and centralised control may be provided over access permissions to individual files or groups of files.

[Figure 2]